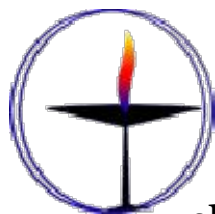


This Week at First Unitarian Church

March 7, 2010



Welcome Visitors! After the service today, please stop by the Welcome Table in the Parish Hall to introduce yourself and find information about First Unitarian Church and its programs and activities.

Sunday: Adult Religious Exploration

Today

March 7, 9:30 to 10:15 in Brunner Chapel a discussion of Religion & Ethics. Hosted by Jim Davis.

Next week:

March 14: Our *Exploring the Roots of Religion* lecture series will continue with "Towers and Tombs of Sumeria". Through these insightful lectures by award-winning Professor John R. Hale, we dig through the earth and learn how sacred buildings, complexes, tomb structures, artwork, and more have provided us with unparalleled knowledge about the varieties of early spiritual experience around the world. Join us every Sunday for lecture and discussion at 9:30 a.m. in Brunner Chapel.

~~~~~  
10:30 a.m. Service of Worship Today:  
"Suffering"

**First Unitarian Youth Group:** This is the annual Youth Worship Service. Join us as we explore the up-side of "Suffering" through music and testimonials.

**NEXT SUNDAY, March 14:**  
"A Free Faith?"

**The Rev. Dr. Joshua Snyder:** Today is Celebration Sunday. Freedom is one of the unique characteristics of Unitarian Universalism. It is one of those things that define who we are. And yet Unitarian Universalism is not "free". It is a very precious thing. Come this morning to celebrate our heritage, our spiritual family, and make your commitment to ensuring that free faith endures for generations to come.

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

*"Pain throws your heart to the ground  
Love turns the whole thing around"*

**--John Mayer**

*Sunday morning services begin at 10:30;  
Adult Religious Education classes at 9:30 a.m.  
Children's Religious Education starts at 10:45  
Childcare is available in the Youth Center from 9:30  
a.m. to 10:25 a.m. before the service  
and 11:50 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. after the service.*

**Visiting families are welcome!**

~~~~~  
Sunday, March 7
SpringBoard into Growth!!

Brunner Chapel
12:00 - 1:15 pm

Join the Board of Trustees and Rev. Josh to
Learn and Discuss First Unitarian's
plans for Growth

Pizza and beverages will be provided.

If childcare needed please email
boardeventsrsvp@firstuuwilm.org and provide
the numbers and ages of children

The Group of the Week

This week's featured group is the "Course in Miracles" based on the book by the same name. ACIM is a self study program of Spiritual Psychotherapy. It is not a religion, but a psychological training in the relinquishments of a thought system based on fear and the acceptance instead of a thought system based on love. Marianne Williamson studied this course and wrote a book "A Return to Love" in the late 1980's. From that point, people started study groups to help each other grow toward becoming more loving to themselves and others by studying the Text. Our group meets at the church in room 25 every Wednesday from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Please stop by the ARE table during coffee hour and Tottie Fries will try and answer your questions.

Doing Our Part Talent Show!

Have you ever heard Glen Barbaras sing? Paul McGee play the banjo? Noah and Will do an Abbot and Costello routine? Heard Rev. Gadon sing? Rev. Snyder recited poetry? Well, NOW you have a chance!

Come to the "Doing Our Part" Talent Show,
Saturday, March 13, 7:30 p.m.

Bring a desert or fruit to share,
beverages will be supplied.

PLANS FOR "TOGS & TREASURES



Replenish your wardrobe, stock up on household goods, pamper yourself with beautiful jewelry and get ahead of spring plantings, all at ridiculously low prices! You'll find all these at the Alliance's annual Togs and Treasures

Sale, Saturday, April 24, in the Parish Hall of the church. Plan to bring in donations of the above items on Thursday afternoon, April 22, and all day Friday, April 23. If you can help any time during the three days, let us know. Co-chairmen are Jackie Watson, Peggy Rawheiser, Donna Van Name and Wendy Gladfelter. *Submitted by Jackie Watson*

NEWCOMER CLASSES

If you are new to our faith or are considering membership in our church, we invite you to join us for our class series entitled *Pathway to Membership*.

In these classes you will learn that Unitarian Universalism has its historical roots in liberal Christianity and is part of the free-church tradition. We will discuss the significance of the free-church, the history of Unitarian Universalism, the concept of covenant, and the meaning of church citizenship. In addition, you will have an opportunity to meet other newcomers and ask questions of our ministers and staff.

The next class series is scheduled for Sundays, March 21st, 28th, and April 4th at 11:45 a.m. in Brunner Chapel. To register, visit the Membership Table in the Parish Hall on Sunday or email Membership Coordinator Susan Madison at susan@firstuuwilm.org.



How is membership growth like finding a sand dollar? Check it out in Nancy Pinson's blog this week:

<http://walkingspiritualpractice.blogspot.com/2010/03/sand-dollars-and-membership-growth.html>

Youth History Prize

The Unitarian Universalist
Historical Society seeks
original historical essays

(or sermons, plays, dramatic readings, worship
services or poetry) written by YOUTH (ages 12-19)
on

Unitarian Universalist History

Entry Deadline: April 1, 2010

\$350 First Prize,

\$150 Second Prize

For information on submission requirements, please
contact Karen in the church office at 302-478-2384 or

Karen@firstuuwilm.org

First Unitarian Church, 730 Halstead Road, Wilmington, DE 19803

Tel: 302-478-2384 Fax: 478-2622 www.firstuuwilm.org